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HUSBAND John Lightsey-31

BORN: 17 SEP 1796 PLACE: ,Barnwell/Col.,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: 26 JAN 1815 PLACE: prob. SC
DIED: 26 JAN 1854 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS
BUR.: JAN 1854 PLACE: Paulding,Jasper Co.,MS
Father: John Lightsey-29
Mother: Susannah Lightsey-30
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE Barbara Linder-188

BORN: 23 SEP 1797 PLACE: ,,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 9 MAY 1869 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS
BUR.: PLACE:
Father:
Mother:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

SEX CHILDREN LIST EACH CHILD (LIVING OR DEAD)
M/F IN ORDER OF BIRTH

1. NAME: Mary Lightsey-189 SPOUSE:
--- BORN: 2 SEP 1817 PLACE: Covington Co.,MS
F MARR: PLACE:
DIED: 1820 PLACE: Covington Co.,MS

2. NAME: John Edward Lewis? Lightsey-190 SPOUSE: Caroline Rhodes-200
--- BORN: 10 OCT 1819 PLACE: Covington Co.,MS
M MARR: 15 FEB 1839 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS
DIED: 14 JUN 1896 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

3. NAME: Ann Elizabeth Lightsey-191 SPOUSE:
--- BORN: 16 JAN 1822 PLACE: Covington Co.,MS
F MARR: PLACE:
DIED: MAY 1862 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

4. NAME: George Linder Lightsey-192 SPOUSE:
--- BORN: 12 AUG 1824 PLACE: Covington Co.,MS
M MARR: PLACE:
DIED: 12 APR 1903 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

5. NAME: Susannah B H Lightsey-193 SPOUSE:
--- BORN: 26 AUG 1826 PLACE: Jones Co.,MS
F MARR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:

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YR OF BIRTH 1796

WIFE Barbara Linder-188

YR OF BIRTH 1797

SEX CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

6. NAME: David A Lightsey-194 SPOUSE: Margaret A Grayson-210

---- BORN: 24 NOV 1828 PLACE: Jones Co.,MS

M MARR: 2 OCT 1851 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

DIED: 19 DEC 1904 PLACE: Jones Co.,MS

7. NAME: Joseph Benjamin Lightsey-195 SPOUSE: Mary Ella Moore-211

---- BORN: 4 SEP 1831 PLACE: Jones Co.,MS

M MARR: 2 FEB 1854 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

DIED: 31 MAR 1919 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

8. NAME: Richard Thomas Hansfort Lightsey-196 SPOUSE: Elizabeth N Sumrall-212

---- BORN: 28 JAN 1834 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

M MARR: 15 AUG 1860 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

DIED: 3 OCT 1882 PLACE: Iuka/Corinth,MS

9. NAME: Sarah Mehetabel Lightsey-197 SPOUSE:

---- BORN: 23 MAR 1836 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

F MARR: PLACE:

DIED: 2 SEP 1843 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

10. NAME: Mary Lightsey-198 SPOUSE:

---- BORN: 28 DEC 1838 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

F MARR: PLACE:

DIED: 6 APR 1843 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

11. NAME: Isabella F Lightsey-199 SPOUSE: Russel Moore-213

---- BORN: SEP 1842 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

F MARR: 12 MAR 1852 PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

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HUSBAND David Lightsey-19

BORN: 9 JAN 1800 PLACE: ,South Carolina
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: 1825/1826 PLACE: ,Mississippi?
DIED: 9 NOV 1879 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
BUR.: NOV 1879 PLACE: Old Lightsey cem,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
Father: John Lightsey-29
Mother: Susannah Lightsey-30
OTHER WIVES: ANNIE TIDWELL

WIFE Mary Loper Lightsey-20

BORN: 8 DEC 1809 PLACE: ,Colleton,South Carolina
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 26 SEP 1852 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
BUR.: SEP 1852 PLACE: Old Lightsey cem,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
Father:
Mother:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

SEX CHILDREN LIST EACH CHILD (LIVING OR DEAD)
M/F IN ORDER OF BIRTH

1. NAME: Samuel E Lightsey-21 SPOUSE: Mary Lofton-101
---- BORN: 28 JUN 1827 PLACE: Jones Co.,MS
M MARR: ABT 1856 PLACE:
DIED: 13 JAN 1872 PLACE: ,Robertson Co.,Texas
2. NAME: John Messick Lightsey-22 SPOUSE: Eliza Ann Morgan-108
---- BORN: ABT 1830 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS
M MARR: ABT 1849 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS
DIED: ABT 1879 PLACE: ,Natchitoches Co.,Louisana
3. NAME: David Michael Lightsey-23 SPOUSE:
---- BORN: 1833 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS
M MARR: PLACE:
DIED: 28 MAR 1865 PLACE: Spanish Fort,,Alabama
4. NAME: Peter Christian Lightsey-24 SPOUSE: Sarah Elizabeth McDonald-114
---- BORN: 21 MAY 1835 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS
M MARR: 28 AUG 1861 PLACE:
DIED: 24 APR 1905 PLACE: Clark co.,MS
5. NAME: Ransom Jones Lightsey-10 SPOUSE: Mary Eliza Beard-11
---- BORN: 10 FEB 1838 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
M MARR: 7 DEC 1865 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,Mississippi
DIED: 9 SEP 1919 PLACE: Daleville,Lauderdale Co.,Mississippi

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YR OF BIRTH 1800

WIFE Mary Loper Lightsey-20

YR OF BIRTH 1809

SEX CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

6. NAME: Stephen J Lightsey-25

SPOUSE:

---- BORN: ABT 1840 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS

M MARR: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE: supposedly,CIVIL WAR,Florida

7. NAME: Francis Jacob Lightsey-26

SPOUSE: Mary Elizabeth Lightsey-125

---- BORN: 12 JAN 1844 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS

M MARR: 9 NOV 1865 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

DIED: 21 DEC 1882 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

8. NAME: Julia Lightsey-27

SPOUSE:

---- BORN: ABT 1846 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

F MARR: PLACE:

DIED: ABT 1846 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

9. NAME: Susan Lightsey-28

SPOUSE:

---- BORN: ABT 1846 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

F MARR: PLACE:

BUR.: ABT 1846 PLACE: Jasper Co.,MS

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HUSBAND John Lightsey-29

BORN: APT 1773 PLACE: ,,South Carolina
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: 1794 PLACE: ,,South Carolina
DIED: APR 1829 PLACE: ,Barnwell,South Carolina
BUR.: PLACE:

Father:
Mother:
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE Susannah Lightsey-30

BORN: 1773 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 29 OCT 1815 PLACE: Edisto River,,South Carolina
BUR.: PLACE:

Father:
Mother:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

SEX CHILDREN LIST EACH CHILD (LIVING OR DEAD)
M/F IN ORDER OF BIRTH

1. NAME: John Lightsey-31 SPOUSE: Barbara Linder-186
---- BORN: 17 SEP 1796 PLACE: ,Barnwell/Coi.,SC
M MARR: 26 JAN 1815 PLACE: prob. SC
DIED: 26 JAN 1854 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,MS

2. NAME: Mary Lightsey-32 SPOUSE: Jesse Howell-202
---- BORN: 1798 PLACE: ,Barnwell/Coi.,SC
F MARR: 1816 PLACE: Barnwell Co.,SC
DIED: 1831 PLACE: ,Barnwell,SC

3. NAME: David Lightsey-19 SPOUSE: Mary Loper Lightsey-20
---- BORN: 9 JAN 1800 PLACE: ,,South Carolina
M MARR: 1825/1826 PLACE: ,,Mississippi?
DIED: 9 NOV 1879 PLACE: ,Jasper Co.,Mississippi

4. NAME: Elizabeth Lightsey-33 SPOUSE: Norman Allen-201
---- BORN: 1801 PLACE: ,Barnwell/Coi.,SC
F MARR: BEF 1830 PLACE: prob.Barnwell Co,SC
DIED: 1860 PLACE: ,Lowndes Co.,Georgia

5. NAME: Stephen Lightsey-34 SPOUSE: Jane Walker-203
---- BORN: 1804 PLACE: ,Colleton/Barn,SC
M MARR: BEF 1830 PLACE:
DIED: 1857 PLACE: ,Jefferson Co.,Florida

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YR OF BIRTH 1773

WIFE Susannah Lightsey-30

YR OF BIRTH 1773

SEX CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

6. NAME: Samuel Lightsey-35 SPOUSE: Mary Martha Zeigler-204
---- BORN: 1806 PLACE: ,Colleton/Barn,SC
M MARR: BEF 1830 PLACE: prob. Barnwell,SC
DIED: SEP 1878 PLACE: ,Echols Co.,Georgia

7. NAME: George Lightsey-36 SPOUSE: Ann-205
---- BORN: 1807 PLACE: ,,SC
M MARR: BEF 1830 PLACE: B'well/Col.Co.,SC
DIED: JAN 1838 PLACE: Monticello,Jefferson Co.,Florida

8. NAME: Jacob Lightsey-37 SPOUSE: Christina Rice-206
---- BORN: 17 JUN 1810 PLACE: ,Colleton/,SC
M MARR: 7 JAN 1830 PLACE: Barnwell Dist.,SC
DIED: 27 APR 1892 PLACE: Dupont,Clinch Co.,Georgia

9. NAME: Christian Lightsey-38 SPOUSE:
---- BORN: PLACE:
M MARR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:

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HUSBAND - John Lightsey-29

NARRATIVES OF COLLETON COUNTY, Beulah Glover, Reprint Co., SC, 1984, p.127.

Barnwell PB 2, p. 357 land laid out to Charles Malloy, 500 ac., 15 Feb. 1815, Edisto River bounded by NW & SE Isaac Minus, SW by John Lightsey & Herndon's land, W by Ruthledge and NE by Eliet land and E. by Edisto River. Rec. 17 Mar. 1815.

Barnwell DB J., p. 68, 2 Sept. 1816, John Litsey, Senar, EDISTO OF COLLETON DIST., sells to Frederick Shubert of BARNWELL DIST., 1000 ac. sur. for Nicholas Nobles, 12 oct. 1793, COLLETON DIST., Fork of the Salketchers on the Cowpen Branch...Little Salketchers. Bounded: land laid out to Nicholas Nobles, vacant land.
Signed: John Litsey (his mark)
Wit: Joseph Thomas Senar, Wm. Black, Daniel Hiers
Susannah signs dower release.

Colleton PB, p. 271 to William Stokes and Jesse Kinsey, 330 ac., NW side Edisto River, 31 Aug. 1819, bounded by:
John Lightsey
Isaac Minus
Peter Stokes

1820 Colleton census, p.39A, Charles Hiers, Jno. Lightsey, Allon Wilson, George Lightsey, Peter Stokes, Isaac Minus, Jno. Johnston, Catherine Hughes, Andrew Leston, Wm. Stokes, Joel Spell, Jas. Williams, & Jr., Abram. Williams, Henry, Williams, Dred Spell, Hugo Sheridan, Mark Wiggons, D.R. Sullivan, Jas. Fewhawks.

1821, Miscellaneous Records of SC, V 42, p. 45B & 50B. John Lightsey of Colleton goes bond for John May of Colleton to become sheriff of Colleton. Co-bondsmen are: George Lightsey, John Lightsey, Henry M. Williams, Isaac Minus, Redden May, Robert May, Jacob May and Hugo Sheridan.

1824 an Act of 1824 established a public road commencing on the Augusta Rd. at or near the plantation of John Lightsey of St. Bartholomew's Parish (Colleton) thence across the Edisto, p. 127. NARRATIVES OF COLLETON by Beulah Glover, op.cit.

South Carolina Tax Records, 1825 for tax year 1824, John Lightsey 1615 ac. of land and 23 slaves in St. Bartholomew's Parish in Colleton Co., SC. Land is in 3 tracts: 1, 200 ac.; 1, 50 ac., and 1, 1365 ac. with the slaves.
Also. 1200 of land in Barnwell Co., SC.

Barnwell Dist. Court of Common Pleas, 1822-1832, p. 291 Robert Miley vs John Lightsey & Joseph Howell, Jr. Sum due is \$6,134.05 with interest on \$5,627.37 from 4 Nov. 1824 until paid.
(Joseph Howell, SEN, bought 1000 ac. of land and a set of mills from the

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Robert Miley estate 2 Dec. 1818 for \$6,000.00, Barnwell WB E, p.132-4,
John Lightsey bought 1 lot augers for 2.75.)

Barnwell Estate of John Lightsey, Bundle 52, p. 1, 1 May 1829.
Stephen Lightsey and Joseph Howell as administrators.

Barnwell DB R, p. 176, Commissioner's deed for John Lightsey decd.
Indenture made between Gaspar Trotti, com of the court of equity and
Joseph Howell, purchaser of the est. for \$1221.00 for 1200 ac. land.
Located Lemon Swamp, Barnwell Co., SC found: Robert Miley, William Smoke,
John Harrington, John Murray, Samuel Pople, est. of John Fender, Laurence
Trotti.

Barnwell County, SC, Chancery and Equity Court Records, Box 23, Group 45,
Filmed by the Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Barnwell
Court House, Barnwell, SC June, 1959.
David Miley & Jacob Miley exors of Robert Miley vs Stephen Lightsey &
Jas Howell adms. of John Lightsey 1830. Mortgage against 1200 ac. of land
for \$1,845.58 and 1/2 with int. unpd.
Bill to conclose mort. Feby 1830.

WIFE - Susannah Lightsey-30

Dower release, Susannah Lightsey, Barnwell DB, J., p.68, 9 Sept. 1815,
Isam Walker. (see John for land location).

Obituary of Susannah Lightsey, "City Gazette", Charleston, SC
20 Nov. 1819.

Obituary of Susannah Lightsey, MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES IN THE
SOUTHERN PATRIOT, 1815-1830. Teresa E. Wilson & Janice L. Grimes,
comp., p.57 Issue of November 20, 1819.

CHILD 1 - John Lightsey-31

CHILD 2 - Mary Lightsey-32

CHILD 3 - David Lightsey-19

1830 U.S. Census, Jones Co., Ms., p.15. Printed.

1840 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, p. 161, National Archives Microfilm
147-211, Mch 192.

1850 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, p.96/49, 26 Sept. 1850, #265/265
National Archives M/F 432, R374.

1860 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, 4 Sept. 1860, line 35, #552/657
National Archives M/F 653, Roll 583.

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WIFE Susannah Lightsey-30

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Yr of Birth 1773

1870 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, 12 July 1870 p.58, #392
National Archives M/F , Roll

Gravestone in Old Lightsey Cemetery, out from Heidelberg, MS. This cemetery was omitted from H.H. Daniel's book on Jasper County Cemeteries. In a letter to Mrs. John Walters, 1205 Oakland St., Waynesboro, MS 39367 from H.H. Daniel, Rt. 2, Box 337, Bay Springs MS 39367, he states "I found the Old Lightsey Cem. and Old Pleasant Hill Cem. after the Jasper Co. book was published so I failed to get it in the book. I am sending you a copy of what would have been in the book." A typed list of both cemeteries was enclosed. David's 1st wife Mary Loper Lightsey is buried with him. His second wife, Annie Tidwell is buried in the Old Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Bible, The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the Original Greek..., New York: American Bible Society, 1879. In possession of Dorothy Lightsey Humphey, P.O. Box 216, Heidelberg, MS 39439 in 1985. Photocopy in possession of writer.
(date of death of David Lightsey. No birth or marriage records have been found to date except for gravestone).

CHILD 4 - Elizabeth Lightsey-33

CHILD 5 - Stephen Lightsey-34

CHILD 6 - Samuel Lightsey-35

CHILD 7 - George Lightsey-36

CHILD 8 - Jacob Lightsey-37

CHILD 9 - Christian Lightsey-38

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David Lightsey

David Lightsey was born in the Barnwell/Colleton area of South Carolina to John and Susannah Lightsey. The date of birth on his gravestone, supposedly put up years after his death, is 9 January 1800. (1) However, his age on the census records varies widely.
* see census pages

He grew up during a period of many changes in the country's history. He was too young to take part in the War of 1812, but probably listened to many stories about it as family, friends and neighbors returned telling their war stories.

The Creek Indian War in Georgia and the Mississippi territory brought changes that would affect David directly. The defeated Indians surrendered their territory to the white man in 1814. A road had been laid out from Milledgeville, Georgia to the Mississippi territory some years before. Both these developments encouraged a steady stream of migration from the Carolinas into the new frontier.

The older settlements were becoming crowded. As plantations were divided among many children, it became more difficult for each family to be self supporting. The land was becoming infertile as it had been overfarmed. Many of the young families chose to move on into the new land.

David would have been about 19 years old when his mother Susannah died, 20 October 1819. (2) He does not appear on an 1820 census as head of household and may well have been on his way to Mississippi to join his brother John, who was in Mississippi as early as 1818. (3)

We do not know if they came into the Mississippi territory overland or by water. Sam Dale was bringing wagon trains in on the road known as the Three Chopped Way. They could have come by water up the Pascagoula River or the Tombigbee to Fort Stoddert and then overland. (4)

However they came, a large number of settlers from the Barnwell/Colleton area of South Carolina came into what became the Green/Covington/Jones/Jasper County areas of Mississippi. They must have felt right at home on the land there as we were struck by how similar the Barnwell County land was to Jasper County land on our trip there in September, 1986.

By 1824 or 25, David had married Mary Loper, who was born 8 December 1809 and died 26 September 1852. She was the daughter of Messick and Scarborough Loper formerly of Colleton County, South Carolina. (see pages for the Loper family). We have no

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record of their marriage as the Covington and Jones County, Mississippi records do not go back that far and they probably married in one of those counties.

By the time of the 1830 Jones County census, David and Mary had two sons, Samuel and John Messick. (5)

From Jones County, Mississippi, David moved his family into what was to become Jasper County. According to Memoirs of Mississippi, "David Lightsey came and settled among the Indians in 1832." (6) These would have been the friendly Choctaws as Jasper County was one of the counties formed from the third Choctaw Cession of Dancing Rabbit Creek. The Choctaws were supposed to have been moved out and relocated into Oklahoma and Arkansas in 1832, but many of them simply refused to go. (7)

John and David Lightsey were among the early settlers of Jasper County, Mississippi, (8) which was formed 3 December 1833 and named after Sergeant William Jasper, a Revolutionary soldier. The town of Paulding, the county seat, was named after John L. Paulding who helped in the capture of the British Major Andre.

The headwaters of the Pascagoula and Chickasawha Rivers rise in Jasper County. Along the river and creek bottoms, the land is rich and the entire county has productive farm land.

In 1840 the population was 3,958. By 1860, 11,0007 people lived there including 4,445 slaves and 890 polls.

From Memoirs of Mississippi, we find that the first settlers were the Terrells, Edwin S. Caraway, Francis McCormick, Elijah Hall, Reddick Rodgers, Isaac Herrington, John Parker, Dr. Newman, Lewis B. Robinson, Robert Cooper, Josiah Jones, John Dean and John Cooper.

The first election was held in 1834 and David's brother John was on the first police board as were Robert Cooper, Berry Parker, William Bridges, and James S. Terrell. Joshua Terrell was sheriff. Jesse Sims, court clerk. John C. Thomas was probate judge. William Horsey, Sr. was assessor and collector and Frank McCormick was surveyor. (9)

David lived in Jasper County in what became known as the Pleasant Hill Community. He received a land patent for 38 and 15/100 acres in Section 2, Township 1, Range 12 East on 5 January 1841. (10) We have no way of knowing how much land he owned as the Jasper County records have been burned. A great-granddaughter, Dorothy Lightsey White Humphrey, still lives on part of David's land.

David's wife Mary, died 26 September 1852 of typhoid fever. His nephew Joseph Benjamin Lightsey in his journal in a copy of a letter to his cousin Joel Lightsey in Florida dated 12 March 1853 (pgs 302-306) says that "Uncle David lost his wife and came near going himself last fall two of my cousins Messick and Michel

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have been very sick." He goes on to say that "Uncle David has but one child married...Messick...married Elisa Ann Morgan. They have two children. Samuel the oldest son of Uncle Davids has studied and is now practicing medicine he is what is called steam doctor."

Joseph Benjamin has earlier said on page 245 dated 27 September 1852, Monday that he learned of his Aunt Mary Lightsey's death. "She died with the tiphoid fever from but few days sickness. She leaves a large family."

Later, on p.285, dated 22 May 1853, he says " I went to preaching today heard two sermons preached Henry Jones preached one and Lord for they rest from their labours their works do follow them this was the funeral sermon of Aunt Mary Lightsey."

This journal gives an interesting picture of life in Jasper County, Mississippi around 1850. In this same letter to Joel previously quoted, Joseph Benjamin writes of raising fine crops of cotton and corn last year along with potatoes, pinders, pumpkins, melons, and rice. He says they got 300 bushels of rice off 6 or 7 acres. According to him, the land is generally poor but his brother George gathered some 50 or 60 bushels of corn off an acre of land. The last year, his family had sold 600 bushels of corn at a dollar a bushel.

Paulding which is 1 1/2 mile away is described as a pleasant little town with 7 stores and 5 groceries and dry shops, 3 churches, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic, a fine brick courthouse, 2 hotels, a blacksmith, a tin shop, a saddlery, a tailer, and a boot and shoe maker shop. A little way from Paulding was a tannery and plenty of mills.

Freight was \$1.00 a hundred on goods brought into Paulding from Mobile, Alabama, 120 miles away. He says the Ohio and Mobile railroad is expected to run in 20 miles of them when completed which would be a great advantage in going to market.

From Joseph Benjamin's writings, we can get a good idea of the tone of life in David's day. He writes of camp meetings, all day preachings, socials, and barn raisings. A life of hard work at farming but of much socializing also.

Probably at one of the church meetings or other events, David met the woman who would become his second wife, Annie Tidwell. They married sometime between 1860 and 1870. According to tradition, Annie was supposedly a herb doctor. She was born 25 November 1813 and died 16 June 1891 and is buried in the Old Pleasant Hill Cemetery just up the dirt road from the Old Lightsey Cemetery where David and Mary are buried. She and David had no children.

David and Mary had had seven sons and two daughters. The two daughters, Julia and Susan died as infants and never appeared on any census record. The seven sons all lived to adulthood.

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In his journal in a copy of a letter to Cornelius Lightsey dated 10 December 1853, p.354 -357, Joseph Benjamin says that Uncle David's family is all well. He has one son married and two grandchildren. He has 8 sons (sic) now living, one son and two daughters dead.(11)

The 1850 Jasper County census, dated 24 September 1850, names Samuel E, 24, Michael D, 17, Peter C., 15, Ransom J. 12, Stephen J., 10 and Francis J, 6. (12)J.M. Lightsey is on the same page married to Eliza Anne, HH 247 -266. No census records show eight children for David.

By 1860, only Ransom and Franklin are still at home with David according to the census. (13)

The 1860 slave census, p. 40, Jasper County, Mississippi dated 5 September 1860 shows David owning twelve slaves, six of those are children.(14)

Mississippi voted to secede from the Union on 9 January, 1861 by a vote of 84-15. Bells rang, cannon's fired and people celebrated. The "Bonnie Blue Flag" was presented to the convention by a group of Jackson ladies. Mississippi was a republic and there was excitement in the air. The excitement would turn to bitterness and despair all too soon. (15)

David sent all seven sons off to war. Samuel fought in the Texas Calvary. John Messick in the Louisiana infantry. David Michael also served in Louisiana and was killed at Spanish Fort, Alabama. Peter Christian served in the Mississippi Infantry, Ransom Jones in the Jasper Grays, Stephen J. went to Texas and was in the Calvary in Company K with his brother Sam. Supposedly, he died in battle in Florida but to date, we have found no proof of this. Francis Jacob was in the Jasper County Company H.(16)

The 1870 census shows David and Anna. On this, he is 68 and she is 50. He is still farming.(17)His sons who survived the war are living in Jasper County and Clark County, Mississippi and in Louisiana and in Texas.

David died 9 Nov 1879, according to Bible and tombstone records. He is buried in the Old Lightsey Cemetery. His epitaph reads "Sleep on dear father and like this rest. In Jesus' arms forever rest."(18) **

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1. Gravestone of David Lightsey, Old Lightsey Cemetery, near Heidleburg, Jasper Co., MS. (need ts, r & s)
2. Obituary of Susannah Lightsey, "City Gazette" of Charleston, SC, Saturday, 20 November 1819 issue, reprinted in The Southern Historical Magazine, v. 47, p. 25.
3. 1818 Greene Co. Mississippi Tax List, Jean and Ben Strickland, p. 30, John Lytsey-\$2.09.
4. Mississippi: a History, John K. Bettersworth, Steck Co., 1959, p. 148.
5. 1830 U.S. Census, Jones County, MS, printed p. 15 (get other info)*
6. Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi, v. 1, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891. p. 219.
7. Mississippi: a History, Bettersworth, p. 38.
8. "Jasper County, Mississippi", Deep South Genealogical Quarterly, v. IV, No. 11, p. 757, Mobile Genealogical Society, 1966.
9. Memoirs of Mississippi, Goodspeed, p. 219.
10. "Patent of David Lightsey", 5 January 1841, Land Patent #2118, Augusta, Jasper County, MS. Filed in the General Land Office, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 12 September 1944, Recorded 13 September 1944.
11. "Journal of Joseph Benjamin Lightsey", written in Jasper County, MS from 18---2 February 1854. m/s copy donated by Ruby Lightsey McLain, 227 Alabama Avenue North, Jackson, MS 39209 to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 5301, Jackson, MS 39216.
12. 1850 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, 28 Sept. 1850, p. 96/49, line 10, #266/265.
13. 1860 U.S. Census, Jasper Co., MS, 4 Sept. 1860, p. 99, line 35, #652/657:
14. 1860 Jasper Co., MS, Slave Schedule, 5 September 1860, p. 405.
15. Mississippi: a History, Bettersworth, p. 235.
16. Confederate Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, National Archives, Washington, D.C., 1957. m/c 253 re. 285.
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18. Family Bible Record, The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, New York: American Bible Society, 1879. In possession of Dorothy Lightsey Humphrey, P.O. Box 216, Heidelberg, MS 39439. Photocopies in possession of writers.

*Note that David, Mary and Annie's tombstones were omitted from H.H. Daniel's book on Jasper County Cemeteries. In a letter to Mrs. John Walters, 1205 Oakland, Waynesboro, MS 39367 from H.H. Daniel, Rt. 2, Box 337, Bay Springs, MS 39422, dated 7 Feb. 1978, Mr. Daniel states: "I found the Old Lightsey Cem. and Old Pleasant Hill Cem. after the Jasper Co., book was published so I failed to get it in the book. I am sending you a copy of what would have been in the book."

* added note:

Mary's epitaph reads, " He took this from a world of care. In everlasting bliss to share."

THE
NEW TESTAMENT

OF OUR

LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL GREEK;

AND WITH

THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED
AND REVISED.

Bible in possession of Dorothy & family

NEW YORK:
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCLXVI.

1879.

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

David Lightsey, died Nov
the 19th 1879

J. J. Lightsey, died Dec
the 21st 1882

Annie Elvira Lightsey died
June the 18th 1891

Leellie Cornick died
March the 11th 1892

William and Annie Lightsey
born and died Oct 11 1892

John Lightsey died July
17th 1894

Mary Elizabeth Lightsey
born and died Nov 15th 1892

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*Pat - I think
that LEYSANT
is Lightsey later
on - LEYSANT disappears
& Lightsey replaces
it in Barnwell
Jesse*

GIESSENDANNER'S PARISH REGISTER

Preface

The parish register kept in German, then English, by two German Protestant ministers whose congregation came to South Carolina well before the Revolution has been a source of information for many genealogists. Rev. JOHN GIESSENDANNER, the nephew of Rev. JOHN ULRICK GIESSENDANNER who was the original minister of the congregation. His nephew and successor copied "from the old Book into this new one, word for word accurately, as he wrote and kept it" all entries of marriages and baptisms which Rev. John Ulrick Giessendanner had recorded. The "new" book, now laminated and in the collection of the South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., is one of the few surviving parish registers furnishing data on births, marriages and deaths in pre-Revolutionary South Carolina.

An imperfect translation of the German was attempted by Rev. Dr. Bachman about 1850; Dr. Lothar L. Tresp, University of Georgia, Athens, has just completed a re-translations from a xerox copy of the "new" book (the original). The Bachman translation, which contains many errors was published in Salley's HISTORY OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S.C. and has heretofore been the only translation available to researchers.

Dr. Tresp, a native German, brought to light some of the unusual features of both the language and the manuscript, which should be noted by anyone researching this German-English document, as well as others of German background during this period.

In German usage of the day it was common for the surname of the male (husband/father) to be modified with a female ending when used to nominate the girls and women of the family. Thus Johannes Springer's wife would be named Mary SpringerIN, and their daughter Anna SpringerIN, yet their son Peter would be known as Peter Springer. This -IN ending made the surname feminine. In some cases the surname with the female ending has survived in present day use. When the surname ended in -er, the -in ending was added, but only to the females of the family. As you read through the Giessendanner manuscript you will see the use of the feminine ending, and note that as the congregation became more and more Anglicized, the use of the old German form became less common, finally falling into disuse. Thus over a period of many years Mrs. Mary Springerin might become commonly known as Mrs. Mary Springer. Rest assured that both are one and the same individual.

Rev. Giessendanner also followed the earlier format of the Catholic parish registers by recording the maiden names of mothers of children he baptized. One is thrown off, however, when he lists the mother as "Mrs." then gives her maiden name only! The "Mrs." should be equated to mean "wife" in this instance. The younger Rev. Giessendanner soon dropped the habit of entering the maiden name of the mother, and his entries are more nearly like the Anglican entries of the period. This stands to reason, for the younger Giessendanner returned from South Carolina to England to study for the ministry, and was admitted to Anglican church orders, before he returned to take over the Orangeburg and Amelia Townships congregation.

In the earlier translations, some of the German surnames were literally translated into English, and having a meaning, the translator listed the person as having no surname! This is corrected by giving you the German name and in brackets its English translation. There were, of course, considerable variations in spelling of surnames from entry to entry. Spellings are given as seen in the original.

The younger Giessendanner signed himself V.D.M. In later years American ministers used these letters following their names, sometimes listing themselves as "Vice Deacon Minister". Dr. Tresp ferreted out the original meaning for the letters as they were used in Europe - verbi divini minister - minister of the word of God.

The following photograph is a facsimile of pages from the German and English portions of the Giessendanner Register. My personal thanks to Mr. Inabinet, the Librarian for South Caroliniana Library, who made available the xerox copy of this valuable manuscript for retranslation, and to Dr. Lothar Tresp whose experience with early German usage and willingness to retranslate has made possible these pages.

Mary Bondurant Warren

AMELIA AND ORANGEBURG The Western Townships

Amelia Township was laid out on the west bank of the Congaree-Santee with the town site at the mouth of the Congaree, and was traversed its entire length by the Cherokee trading path. The township was named for one of the princesses of the royal family and was laid out in 1733. By 1740 only about 35 surveys of land had been made in Amelia, and half this acreage had been granted to non-residents. Before 1750 less than 6,000 additional acres were granted but to applicants who were residents.

The second shipload of "Switzers" was planted on the banks of the Edisto River nearby. The site selected for the town of Orangeburg was on the east bank where the river turns sharply to join the South Fork. The township boundary on the east joined the western boundary of Amelia Township. On July 13, 1735 a ship from Rotterdam arrived in Charleston with 250 Swiss aboard, of whom 90 were "able to bear arms." They were given grants of land in the new Orangeburg Township and within two weeks over 200 were on their way to these new lands. Within 14 months lands had been surveyed and grants signed to 83 men. This Swiss colony was joined by other settlers prior to 1750. By 1740 30,000 acres had been granted, by 1750, 6,000 additional acres, and in the 1750's an additional 9,000 acres was taken up in grants, all in tracts averaging less than 200 acres each. Orangeburg was a compact settlement of small farmers, and had 143 men in the militia company of the Township by 1757. It suffered no great losses by death or removals, as did some of the townships. The population is estimated at 400 souls in 1740, and approximately 800 in 1759.

Major Charles Russell directed the settlement in Orangeburg for the Governor and Council, and following his death in 1737 the post was taken by Christian Mote, who remained in Orangeburg until 1740, when Mote moved into Charleston. John Chevillette who settled in Purrysburg in 1736 had formerly been a Prussian officer, and in 1757 was Colonel of the Berkeley County militia, and an Orangeburg Regiment, with Christian Minnick as Lt. Col.

John Ulrick Giessendanner came from Lichtensteig, Switzerland with the colony, and was by trade a silversmith. By October 1737 Giessendanner married an English couple in Orangeburg, where Mote joined him in reading the service in English.

A detailed history of the settlement of Orangeburg Township, later county, was written by A. S. Salley, Jr., entitled HISTORY OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, published in 1898. A developmental history of land grants in the Orangeburg-Amelia area is included in THE EXPANSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1729-1765, by Robert L. Meriwether, published 1940. Surveyor's notes for lands in the Orangeburg area are preserved in the Manuscripts Collection of Duke University Library, Durham, N.C.

38. 1753 On Thursday April 12th In Orangeburgh Church Married By Bans GEORGE JACOB KURNER to ANN CATHARINA LAMPRECHT, widow, both lately arrived in this Province from Germany. Being present: Michael Christopher Row, Ulrick Raber.

39. On Tuesday April 24th In Ditto By Banns HENRY MELL to MARY CATHARINE, widow of Isaac Hottow, late of Orangeb. Township, deceased.

* 40. BERNHARD ZIEGLER to ANNE MARY WEDLIN, widow, both lately come from Germany. Both Couple in Presence of John Amacher Senr., Frederick Huber, John William Leysaht, etc.

41. On Thursday June 7th In Ditto JAMES ELERSON to ELIZABETH ELERSON, both near Orangeburgh Township. Being Present: Mary Crummy, Michael Larry, The Banns were published at Orangeburgh May 27th, 31st, & 3rd June.

42. On Tuesday Septr. 4th In Ditto JOSEPH HUBER to ELIZABETH HORRMUTT

43. JOHN VALENTIN KRANICH to ANNA MARY HECKLER.

All of Orangeburgh Township. Being present: Lewis Golsen, Martin Binsky, Lewis Kern, etc..

44. On Tuesday Septembr. 27th In Ditto By Ditto EDWARD BRADY to RACHEL WHITEFORD. [Being] Present: Willm. Powell, John Burdell, etc.

45. 1753, On Thursday At the House of John Eberly Married Octobr. 11th By Banns JOHN GROSSMAN to MARGARET STEPHEN, both of Berkly County. Being present: Lewis Linder, John Eberly, etc.

46. On Sunday Novembr. 4th In Orangeburgh Church By Banns, CHRISTOPHER MILLER to ANGELIA ZIEGLER, widow, in the presence of the Congregation.

47. 1754 On Tuesday Febr. 12th Joyned into the Holy State of Matrimony at the House of Simon Theus, commonly called Monk's Corner in St. John's Parish, by Vertue of a License directed to me... SIMON THEUS of the S[aid] Parish to ELIZABETH MACKOY of Amelia Township. Present: John Lloyd, Robert Rawlins, Clerk of the Crown etc.

48. On Tuesday February 19th In Orangeburgh Church, By Banns, JACOB BECK to BRIGITTA SMITH, both of Amelia Township. Present: Christopher Rowe, John Friday Senr. & Junr.

49. On Sunday March 10th In Amelia at the House of Charles Russell By Banns CHRISTIAN REICHART to CATHARINE PETERMAN, both of Amelia Township, in presence of the Congregation.

* 50. On Thursday, March 14th In Orangeburgh Church By Banns, DANIEL LINDER to SARAH HILL of Berkly County. Present James Tilly, Alexander Mc[missing], John Burdell, etc.

51. 1754 On Monday, April 29th In Orangeburgh Church By Banns, HENRY YOUNG of Edisto Fork to ANN HILL of Orangeburgh Township. Present: John Burdell, David Hall, etc.

52. On Sunday, May 12th, In Amelia By Banns BENJAMIN SPURLOCK to MARY ELIZABETH SMITZER both of Amelia Township. Present: Moses Thomson, John Chevillette, John Lloyd.

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Messick Loper
signs for his
MOTHER Mrs. Dolly
Loper

Received March 3rd 1878 from the Hon. Secretary
the Collector for the Southern Railway. Twenty one
dollars & forty two cents being in full for Mrs. Dolly
Loper's pension for one year as per the within order
of the Board of Directors of the Southern Railway
Company. Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of March
1878.
Messick Loper
Secretary

Order No.	Description
4727	Audited Acct. of Henry Costen - Petition of Dolly Loper for Pension

Reference - S. C. Archives			
AA 1501-A			
pp. 1b - 23b	33	1	33 3.30

Lightsey

Pat Davis

10842 Lochspring
Dallas, Texas 75218
July 6, 1987

Mrs. Jean Strickland
P.O. Box 5147
Moss Point, MS 39563

Dear Mrs. Strickland:

It's good that the Lightsey/Loper information will be helpful in your project, and I'm glad to know it is on file somewhere where people can use it.

I appreciate your sending the pages on the Leysaht family. Several of us are researching the Lightseys and trading our information, and when we first found out about the Leysahts we thought they might be Lightseys.

However, at this point in our research we think that the immigrant was Johannes Jacob Leitzzeit (Leitzinger & numerous other spellings) who arrived in Charleston in 1749 aboard the ship "Griffin." He had a wife and four children according to the South Carolina Council Journal, and received a land grant in the Dutch Fork area near Cannon & Crim's Creek. Sons George and Jacob can be proven. He probably had a daughter Mary who later receives a land grant in that area. At this point, we don't know the identity of the other children. Since the names George, Jacob, John and David repeat in almost every one of the Lightsey households, we think probably they may also be sons of the immigrant and one was born after the arrival in South Carolina. But we have no records or information on an early David or John.

We also have not been able to prove the connection to our John Lightsey of Colleton/ Barnwell counties although a George appears on the 1790 Orangeburg South, South Carolina census and on land records in the Savannah Creek area of what became Barnwell. We hope this year to prove this out, so please wish us luck.

Our problem has been complicated by the fact that there were two John Lightseys of approximately the same age and family pattern in the Barnwell/Colleton areas during the early 1800's. Our John seems to have lived most of his life in Colleton, but he died in Barnwell. The other John lived in Barnwell and died in Bibb County, Alabama. I have had one of his descendants here helping me sort out the land and other records, so we hope we have them straight now. But since neither of us has a father for our Johns, that is our next project.

I'm sending you two copies of this letter as you may want to file a copy with the other Lightsey information in the library. As we compile and document all of George's material, I will send a copy.

Pat Davis

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Mrs. Jean Strickland
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Dear Mrs. Strickland:

Margaret Ann Thetford recently had an article in her "Family Tree" column in the Dallas Morning News about the wonderful project that is being done to gather material from Wayne, Greene, Perry and Jones counties into the library in Pascagoula.

My ancestor David Lightsey appears on the 1830 Jones County, MS tax list along with his brother John, so I am sending the FDS for both them and their father and also some material on David and his father John & family that we have compiled for a family history. This is still in the rough draft form, but might be useful to anyone who may come there to search this line.

Also my Loper line on which I joined the DAR appeared on the 1820 Perry County census and on early Greene county land records, so I am sending a copy of the DAR application and material on that line.

I hope that this will be of help to someone else working these lines. I am looking forward to going to the library in Pascagoula on my next trip "back home" to Mississippi.

Sincerely,



Mrs. L.F. Davis

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Re: Application of Patricia Lightsey Davis
Ancestor - Michael Loper

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 1986 in reply to my application to join the Chickasawny Chapter DAR, Waynesboro, Mississippi on my ancestor MICHAEL LOPER.

I can understand your concern as there were THREE (3) Michael Lopers in New Hanover County, North Carolina. The application stated that proof was to stop with the Revolutionary War ancestor. However, I am sure you will understand that to clarify the confusion, it will be necessary to identify each Michael Loper which I will number 1, 2, and 3 for identification purposes.

THE ONLY MALE LOPER OF ANY SPELLING FOUND IN NORTH CAROLINA OR SOUTH CAROLINA WITH A WIFE NAMED DOLLY/ DOROTHY IS MY ANCESTOR MICHAEL LOPER #2, and Dolly drew a South Carolina pension for a number of years. (AA 1501 enclosed with application).

So I hope that you will accept the following information and documents which will identify the Michael Lopers, connect Messick Loper, and I hope warrent acceptance of my application.

Michael Loper #1 first appears in New Hanover Co., NC records in 1737 when he buys land from Comfort Davis. (MH, NC DB A69). He takes part in other land transactions from 1737-1754. He receives a land patent 23 December 1754 of "320 acres New Hanover Co on the East Side of Trumpeter on Porters Creek joining SIMON PLAYER and Trumpeter Swamp." (Abs. enc. 1)

Michael Loper #1 dies prior to February, 1756 when his will dated 18 April 1755 is recorded. (MH, NC DL72 copy enc.). This will names wife Bridget; 2 daughters Unity and Bridget; 4 sons, MICHAEL, Thomas, Peter, and John.

NORTH CAROLINA TAXPAYERS, compiled by Clarence Ratcliff, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984. p. 126 lists Michael Loper Jr. & Sr. in New Hanover in 1755. Michael, Thomas and Peter and John are listed in 1762-67. So, during this time period Michael #1 is dead by will recording. Michael #2 is paying taxes and involved in other transactions. Michael #3 is very young and probably in his father Peter's household.

Michael #2, son of Michael #1, takes part in several land transactions right after his father, Michael 1's death. New Hanover Co, NC deeds BK. D p 211, 212, 213, 214 & 221 all dated 8 March 1756 show land on Rich's Inlet deeded from Bridget Lobar, widow, to Michael and from Michael to John, to Peter, and to Thomas. John, Peter, and Thomas are brothers of Michael #2, sons of #1. Copies of these deeds can be provided if needed. From 1756-1764 no recorded land transactions take place involving Michael Loper.

Then in DB E, p. 106 New Hanover Co., NC (copy enc.) Michael Loper to Thomas Merrick, Michael #2 deeds the land from PATENT 4788 p. 84 "Patent granted to MICHAEL LOPER MY FATHER 320 acres ... East Side Trumpter Creek...joins Simon Plaver." The deed is dated 13 Aug. 1764 and registered 13 Nov. 1764.

DB E, p. 109 New Hanover Co., NC (copy enc.) is signed by Mikel Loper and Dollie Loper which indicates that Dollie is the WIFE of MIKEL #2. This deed is dated 28 Aug. 1764 and registered 13 Nov. 1764.

DB E, p. 112 NH, NC (copy enc.) Mark McLama to Michael Loper ...200 ac...New Topsail Sound...patented by Henry Bishop 7 March 1756 beg. at a hickory then N41 E 127 poles ... red oak...N 49 W242 poles... being the head line of the patent to 3 pines...45 W 157 to first station. Dated 14 Aug. 1764. Reg. 14 Nov. 1764 .

This land in DB E p. 112 from Mark McLama to Michael Loper seems to be that deeded by MICHAEL LOPER AND DOLLY to Thomas Loper in DB F, p. 220 NH, NC (copy enc.) "200 ac... New Topsail Sound... patented by Henry Bishop... 7 March 1736... beg. at a hickory... thence N41, E 126 poles ... red oak... Sam'l Swanne's corner... thence N49 W 242 poles... being a head line of the patent to 3 pines ...thence 45 W 137 to the first station." Although 3's and 5's are mixed, this seems to be the same property sold by Mark McLama to Michael Loper in DB E, p. 112 and now being sold by Michael #2 and wife Dolly to Thomas Loper dated 22 August 1771. Registered 3 Jan. 1772.

The preponderance of evidence indicates that since deeds E106, 109, and 112 were registered on the same or following date that the same Michael Loper who states that his FATHER Michael Loper received the patent is also the same Michael who signs with his wife Dollie.

After this land transaction DB F, p. 220 when Michael and Dolly sell their property in New Hanover, NC in 1771 there is no mention of him in land records or of any Michael until Michael #3, Peter's son, is old enough to begin transacting business. It is significant to note that in the compiled books of the New Hanover Court Minutes many notations for Michael appeared in the years 1738-69 but NO NOTATION for a Michael Loper appears in the years from 1771-85.

The Lopers of New Hanover are well tracked in these minutes. The older Michael Loper has died in 1756. His son John dies prior to 1785, son Peter dies prior to July 1772 and his estate is administered by his brother Thomas Loper. This accounts for 3 of the 4 sons of Michael Loper. The fourth son Michael who is married to Dollie has moved into South Carolina.

The first Loper land record in South Carolina is Joshua Loper's land grant in Granville Co. 14 Sept 1771. (copy of alphabetical index of SC enc.) No land records are listed for Michael, but as you are well aware many records were destroyed.

From the information you sent from SCAR Vol. X Winter 1982, #1 Michael Loper served in John Wiekley's Company which took part in the siege of Charleston. Many of the men died.

We have no more listing or information on Michael #2 after this. He is presumed dead, and his widow Dollie Loper draws a pension from the STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA. She is connected by name with Michael Loper through the deeds in North Carolina and Michael Loper DOES serve in South Carolina. Thank you for that information.

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DAR/PLD
Michael Loper

Miscellaneous bits of information connect this Dolly to the New Hanover records. At the end of her AA 1501 a scrap of paper which is a part of a plat of Oswald EARLE is included. The Earle family had close connections to the Loper family in New Hanover and continues to have as they move into Mississippi (see letter from Richard Earle enclosed in original application). Dorothy/Dollie/Dolly and Michael name their son Messick. You will note that Levon Messick witnesses D109, NH, NC deeds. Again, a preponderance of evidence indicates that Dollie Loper of St. Bartholomew's Parish, South Carolina is the Dollie Loper who is married to Michael Loper #2 of New Hanover, North Carolina who serves in the Revolution in South Carolina.

Dollie Loper collects a pension in South Carolina from 10 May 1794 to 1809 (see AA 1501 A in orig. app.). Within these papers is stated that the petitioners have been unable to draw a pension AS BEFORE. To date, Dollie's original application has not been found.

While Dollie is drawing a pension in South Carolina, Michael Loper #3 is alive and doing business in New Hanover, NC as numerous court records and jury appearances show. In Deed I 368 Thomas Lowber and Ann, his wife to Michael Lowber "200 ac...New Topsail Sound...patent Henry Bishop 7 March 1736...beg. Hickory...W41 E126 poles...red oak...Sam'l Swann's corner...49 W242...". This is the same land as in deeds E112 and F220. Michael #2 sold this land to Thomas who now sells it to Michael #3 who will sell it in Deed K393 to Lewis Hynes and in that deed K393 (copy enc.) he sells 85 acres also "which fell to me BY HEIRSHIP FROM MY FATHER PETER LOPER DECEASED. (Peter's 85 acres came from Deed E116 NH, NC Benjamin and Elizabeth Lane to Peter Loper.)

So, Michael #2 has plainly stated in Deed E106 that his father is Michael #1 who names his sons in will D172 NH, NC. Michael #3 states that his father is PETER which makes him a grandson of Michael #1 and nephew of Michael #2. Michael #3 dies prior to Dec., 1799 in New Hanover, NC. Dollie Loper, wife of Michael #2 is drawing a pension in SC before that time, in 1799 and after.

Both Messick and Peter Loper sign this pension as they collect FOR THEIR MOTHER. (See 1501A in orig. app. copy enc. of page on which MESSICK LOPER SIGNS FOR HIS MOTHER Dollie). There are two Messick Lopers in South Carolina. However, it is the older Messick and his brother Peter who sign as adults to get Dollie's money just as Henry Costin does. The older Messick and Peter move on to Mississippi. The 1820 Mississippi census has Messick's age as over 45. The Messick Jr. found on the 1810 SC Colleton Co. census is found on the 1830 Screven Co., Georgia census p. 61 HH 316 in the age frame 40-50.

I appreciate your patience in reading through and studying this additional information. It has taken me many years to sort out the Michaels and Peters, etc, so I can understand the need for clarification. However, I hope that with this additional information you will agree that the Messick Loper who comes to Mississippi with many of the same families whose names are found in the early New Hanover, NC records (Spearmans, Earles et al) and who signs for "my mother" Dollie is the son of Dollie and Michael Loper who sign deeds together in New Hanover, North Carolina, and with that, will be able to approve my application on this line.

Sincerely,

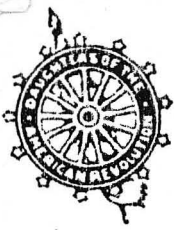
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ANCESTOR: Michael Loper

Supplemental copies enclosed:

1. Colony of North Carolina Abstracts of Land Patents 1735-1764 Margaret M. Hofmann
p. Patent Book 15
2. Deed D 172 New Hanover County, NC DB D 172 WILL OF MICHAEL LOPER 1756
3. North Carolina tax payers p. 126 comp. by Clarence Ratcliff. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984.
4. Deed Book E, p. 106 New Hanover Co., NC. Michael Loper to Thomas Merrick 1764.
5. DB E 109, NH, NC. Mikel Loper and Dollie Loper to Mark McClamma 1764.
6. DB E112 NH, NC Mark McClama to Michael Loper 1764.
7. DB F220 NH, NC Michael and Dolly Loper to Thomas Loper 1771
8. S.C. Department of Hist. Alphabetical Index
9. SCMAR V. X Winter 1982 #1 p.4&5
10. Deed I 368 Thomas Lowber and Ann, his wife to Michael Lowber 1791
11. K 393 Michael Loper to Lewis Hynes 1793
12. Copy of page from AA 1501-A MESSICK LOPER SIGNS FOR HIS MOTHER Dolly Loper
Misc. AA pages. See original app. for complete file.



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☒ Application

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Michael Loper

Ancestor

1-31-86

Date

suggested documentation: PHOTOCOPIES or NOTARIZED EXACT COPIES of vital records, family Bible, church/cemetery records, military/pension records and census enumerations. Family histories/genealogies must cite their sources to be considered reliable proof. Lineage and service must be proven by the best possible sources.

to look at Loper info
We appreciate the effort you have expended in collecting the proof for the Loper lineage. Our genealogists have examined the application and we feel that more proof will be needed to connect Messick Loper with his Father.

The annuity papers/ pension papers for Dolly Loper do not connect her with any husband by name. It is hard to say who was the husband of Dolly from the documents enclosed with your application. The 1790 census for South Carolina lists Mesay Loaper, Daniel Loaper, Peter Loaper as residents of St. Bartholomew's, Charleston District, S.C. In 1810, Messick Sr. and Jr. were residents of Colleton Co. S.C. so we feel that Messick was an adult in 1790 with a son old enough to be an adult in 1810. Others of this surmane also appear.

Have you requested a copy of the Combined Alphebetical Index from the South Carolina Archives, 1430 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201 ? This index shows the first land actions of any ancestor of record in South Carolina. Perhaps the Loper, Loaper, Lower name might appear and we would have an idea of the earliest settlers who bore this surname. Also the date they took up residence in South Carolina. Our research has shown men named Michael Loper in New Hanover Co. N.C. where an estate is listed for Michael Lobar December Court 1799. The enclosed sheets place a Michael Looper in S.C. military lists during the Revolution. With these items of interest, we feel more proof will be needed for this application. The work you have done is to be complimented and we wish you success in your search.

When replying, please use the enclosed slip for identifying yourself, your ancestor and your chapter. This will help to expedite review of your application.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

EWS, (enc. 2)

Ruth Bitting Hamm

MRS. JAMES JUSTIN HAMM
REGISTRAR GENERAL, NSDAR

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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National Number 700670
(Miss or Mrs.) Patricia Lightsey Davis
(First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)
Wife ☒ Widow ☐ Divorced ☐ Lewis Frank Davis, Jr.
(Husband)
Residence 1205 Oakland St. Waynesboro MS 39367
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DESCENDANT OF
MICHAEL LOPEZ

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

Sharia B. Stringer (Mrs. J.D.)
Chapter Regent.

Nov. 20, 1985 Mrs. Spencer Hudson
Chapter Registrar.

Application, duplicate, and Fees received by Treasurer General DEC 9 1985

Application and duplicate received by Organizing Secretary General DEC 9 1985

Application and duplicate received by Registrar General DEC 9 1985

Application verified and approved APR 11 1986

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Registrar General.
APR 12 1986

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Ann D. Fleck
Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of the Society in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known. Endorsers must be of same Chapter; if joining At Large, of the same State.

ENDORSED IN HANDWRITING BY 604992
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Name Mrs. John Walters Name Mrs. Margaret Humphrey
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When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, NSDAR, 1776 D St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society. The application, information thereon, and supplementary data become the property of the National Society.

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Fill out only to the Revolutionary and Lightsey Family please give all dates by date, month in writing, year (ex: 10 Feb. 1825). Given names must be in full. First two generations must be filled in completely.

Patricia Ann Lightsey Davis

being duly sworn

(Full name of applicant)

1. I was born 23 June 1938 at Meridian, Lauderdale Co., MS
married on 11 June 1961 at Daleville, " "
to Lewis Frank Davis, Jr. born on 21 August 1939
at Newton, Mississippi I am the daughter of, by blood line
2. Errol Roberts Lightsey born 13 Nov. 1904 at Daleville, Mississippi
died at Savannah, Chatham Co., Georgia on 21 Jan. 1999 and his (first or xx) wife
Vivian Hutton born 16 July 1905 at Leeper County, Mississippi
died at Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS on 20 Oct. 1973 married 11 Dec. 1927 Lauderdale Co.
date and place MS
3. The said Errol Roberts Lightsey was the child of blood line
Herman Heber Lightsey born 12 Jan. 1876 at Newton Co., MS
died at Daleville, MS on 3 Sept. 1907 and his (first or xx) wife
Florence Roberts Oden born 21 June 1846 at Oak Grove, Leeper Co., MS
died at Ovett, Jones Co., MS on 16 Oct. 1941 married 3 Dec. 1903 Lauderdale Co.
date and place MS
4. The said Herman Heber Lightsey was the child of blood line
Ransom Jones Lightsey born 10 Feb. 1838 at Jasper Co., MS
died at Daleville, Lauderdale Co., MS on 19 Sept. 1919 and his (first or xx) wife
Mary Eliza Beard born 30 May 1845 at Jasper Co., MS
died at Daleville, Lauderdale Co., MS on 22 April 1923 married 7 Dec. 1865-Jasper Co.
date and place MS.
5. The said Ransom Jones Lightsey was the child of blood line
David Lightsey born 9 Jan. 1800 at Colleton or Tarnwell, SC
died at Jasper Co., Mississippi on 9 Nov. 1829 and his (first or xx) wife
Mary Loper born 8 Dec. 1809 at SC or NC
died at Jasper Co, Mississippi on 26 Dec. 1852 married 1826 Covington or Jo
date and place Co, MS
6. The said Mary Loper was the child of blood li
Messick Loper born c. 1770 at St. Bartholomew's Colleton S
died at Perry or Jones Co, Mississippi on between 1820-30 and his (first or) wife
(possibly Scarberra ?) born ab. 1770 at probably South Carolina
died at Perry or Jones Co., Mississippi on post 1850 married SC
date and place blood line
7. The said Messick Loper was the child of line
Michael Loper born c. 1740 at New Hanover Co., NC
died at St. Bartholomew's Parish, SC on pre-1797 and his (first or xx) wife
Dorothy (Dolly) Messick? born at prob. New Hanover Co., NC
died at St. Bartholomew's Parish on between 1809 married prob. pre 1764 New Hano
Colleton Dist. SC 1810 date and place NC
8. The said was the child of
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"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

Marriage in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful marriage. Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service. (Note: Resolution adopted by the twenty-fourth Continental Congress: Descendants of polygamous marriage can not be accepted as members of this Society.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

The said Michael Loper, who resided during the American Revolution at (New Hanover, North Carolina) or Charleston, S.C. assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private, Capt. John W. Loper, S.C.

My ancestors's services during the Revolutionary War were as follows:

~~Militia Service North Carolina~~

~~capt John W. Loper~~

~~SEMAR Vol X #1 p5 S.C.~~

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

Pay voucher Pay roll 2928 15129 Michael Loper North Carolina November 1783 Service in militia

Audited Account 1501 A Henry Cantin J. Polly Loper South Carolina

Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774. by Murtie J. Clark. Pub. by Genealogical Pub. Co. 1983...p.814..Michel Loper, Pvt. 1772

The following form of acknowledgement is required:

Applicant further says that the said Michael Loper (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies to applicants for membership within the United States of America and its territories.

(Signature of Applicant) Patricia Lightsey Davis
(First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Wagonsboro (City) Mo (State)

this 18th day of Nov. A.D. 1985

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May Lyne Williams
Signature of Notary.

My Commission Expires: March 15, 1986

I do (do not) give consent to the office of the Registrar General to furnish by correspondence information contained in this application to persons seeking membership on same line.